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AUTOMOBILE AND TRACTOR PLANTS INTRODUCE NEW MODELSELECTRIC TRACTOR INTRODUCED IN UZBEKISTAN -- Pravda Vostoka, No 65, 2 Apr 49

Plowing by electric tractor was recently introduced for the first time in the Uzbek SSR at "Kommunist" Kolkhoz, Yangi-Yul'skiy Rayon. The tractor was built by the Central Station of Mechanization and Agrotechnology of "Soyuz NIIKh" (All-Union Scientific Research Cotton Institute) under the direction of Design Engineer V.T. Danil'chenko. The tractor is multipurpose, able to plow, cultivate, harrow, sow, and work between cotton furrows. The basis of the tractor is the universal tractor produced by the Kirov Plant. The main changes are the installation of an electric motor and mechanization of the hoisting and winding of the cable. The electric tractor can work up to 20 hectares from one point of connection with the power lines, and its capacity is 0.4 hectares per hour. Plowing one hectare with the new tractor is 60 percent cheaper than using the usual tractor with kerosene engine.

The "Avangard" Artel will use the tractor this spring in cooperation with the "Kommunist" Kolkhoz. A transformer substation has been built for this purpose on the kolkhoz. By autumn of this year, the Yangi-Yul'khs will receive several electric tractors which will plow 3,000 hectares.

ESTONIAN MOTOR VEHICLES INCREASE -- Sovetskaya Estoniya, No 78, 3 Apr 49

Motor vehicles of the most modern make are being put out by Estonian automobile plants for enterprises of the country. During February and March 1949, 35 4-ton ZIS-150 trucks, 37 1½-ton GAZ-MM machines, and 3 Diesel-electric passenger buses were issued.

Fourteen GAZ-51 machines with a 2.5-ton hoisting capacity were constructed for the shale industry and for a number of Estonian plants. The Tallin Public Welfare Trust and the Ministry of Commodity Economy received 17 motor dump carts. Dozens of enterprises are purchasing light "Pobeda" automobiles.

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AUTOMOBILE INDUSTRY CONFERENCE ENDS -- Pravda, No 92, 2 Apr 49

The 3-day conference of administrative workers of the automobile and tractor industry USSR was concluded on 1 April. S. A. Akopov, Minister of the Automobile and Tractor Industry USSR, presented a report on the 1949 plan. The ministry fulfilled the 1948 plan 115 percent and exceeded the pre-war level in gross production. Output of automobiles, tractors, ball bearings, motorcycles, bicycles, and spare parts increased considerably in 1948. More than one half of all the automobiles produced in 1948 were of a new type.

Among those who participated in the discussion following the minister's report were Khlamov, director, Gor'kiy Automobile Plant imeni Molotov; Klimonkov, director, Vladimir Tractor Plant; Dayenin, director, Moscow Plant of Low-Powered Automobiles; Makoyed, chief engineer, Stalingrad Tractor Plant; and others. Likhachev, director of the Moscow Automobile Plant imeni Stalin, reported that the plant, for the first time in automobile history, had converted to production of a new automobile without stopping the assembly line.

CHELYABINSK TRACTOR PRODUCTION JUMPS -- Izvestiya, No 79, 5 Apr 49

The workers of the Kirov Plant in Chelyabinsk have achieved great progress in the first quarter. The plant produced many heavy-duty S-80 caterpillar tractors and 400,000 rubles' worth of spare parts above plan. In January and February the Kirov workers gave 17 million rubles to the State and saved about 4 million rubles above plan.

KHARKOV TRACTOR PLANT COMPLETES PLAN -- Pravda Ukrayiny, No 74, 30 Mar 49

The Kharkov Tractor Plant fulfilled the first-quarter plan for production of tractors and spare parts 28 March 1949.

KARELO-FINNISH SSR GETS NEW AUTO-REPAIR PLANT -- Leningradske Znamya, No 25, 6 Feb 49

Construction will start this year on a new automobile-repair plant in Petrozavodsk which will handle 1,000 major repair jobs per year. The needs of the Karelo-Finnish SSR for automobile repair will be completely met when the new plant is put into operation. Land on the northern border of the city has been cleared for construction of the plant, and the Government has allocated 1,585,000 rubles for construction in 1949. The "Promstroytrest" (Industrial Construction Trust) drew up all the plans and estimates for the plant.

KAUNAS WORKERS PUT OUT AUTOBUSES -- Sovetskaya Litva, No 78, 3 Apr 49

Workers of Kaunas Motor Vehicle-Repair Shop have put out five new autobuses from savings effected in repair work. They have fulfilled obligations assumed in honor of the Sixth Congress of the KP(b) of Lithuania and have promised to issue two additional autobuses by 1 May.

Regular autobus passenger service will be established soon between Kaunas and Utona, Kaunas and Narevezhis, Kaunas and Yurkias, and Kaunas and Ukmerge.

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